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SUBJECT: GSP AND IVORIAN COCOA BUTTER

1. US IMPORT STATISTICS FOR GSP ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS DURING THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1976 WERE REVIEWED IN DECEMBER TO SEE WHICH COUNTRIES WILL PROBABLY LOSE GSP BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS. UNDER THE 1974 TRADE ACT A COUNTRY CAN LOSE GSP BENEFITS FOR ONE OF ITS PRODUCTS IF THAT COUNTRY SUPPLIES OVER 50 PERCENT OF US IMPORTS OF THAT ITEM OR IF THE COUNTRY EXPORTS TO US MORE THAN A CERTAIN DOLLAR LEVEL OF THAT PRODUCT IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. FOR 1976, THE EXCLUSION LEVEL WAS DOLS. 26.6 MILLION BASED ON 1975 EXPORT STATISTICS. FOR 1977 THE DOLLAR EXCLUSION CEILING WILL BE INCREASED TO COMPENSATE FOR THE GROWTH IN US GNP. US
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ESTIMATES THAT 1977 LEVEL WILL BE ABOUT DOLS. 28 MILLION. UNDER THE LAW, THE ONLY COUNTRY WHICH COULD QUALIFY FOR A WAIVER OF EXCLUSION UNDER THIS DOLLAR CEILING IS PHILLIPINES FOR HISTORICAL REASONS.

2. US IMPORT DATA REVEAL THAT IVORY COAST HAS EXPORTED DOLS. 28.9 MILLION OF COCOA BUTTER (TSUS 156.35) TO US

DURING FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1976. THEREFORE IVORY COAST
WILL LOSE GSP BENEFITS FOR COCOA BUTTER AROUND MARCH 1,
1977, FOLLOWING FORMAL DETERMINATION BASED ON FULL YEAR

IMPORT STATISTICS. DUTY OF 3 PERCENT AD VALORUM WILL BE
RESUMED AT THAT TIME. AS A RESULT IVORY COAST WILL BE
EXCLUDED ON THIS ITEM AT LEAST UNTIL MARCH 1, 1978. IF
IVORY COAST FALLS BELOW COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITS IN CALENDAR
YEAR 1977, INTERAGENCY TRADE POLICY STAFF COMMITTEE (TPSC)
MAY BUT DOES NOT HAVE TO REDESIGNATE IVORY COAST FOR GSP
BENEFITS ON THIS ITEM. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO
PREDICT WHAT ACTION TPSC WOULD TAKE SHOULD ABOVE SITUATION
RESULT.

3. DEPT BELIEVES THAT IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTIONS IT
WOULD BE BEST TO ADVISE IVORIAN OFFICIALS IN ADVANCE OF
THIS FORTHCOMING EXCLUSION, LEAVING TO THE EMBASSY THE
TIMING OF SUCH AN APPROACH.
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